

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Serial No. ....10/657,412  
Filing Date ..... Sep 8, 2003  
Inventorship..... Christopher L. Darling  
Applicant .....Microsoft Corporation  
Group Art Unit .....2616  
Examiner .....Alpus H. Hsu  
Attorney's Docket No. .... MS1-1518US  
Title: .....Network Load Balancing with Traffic Routing

**RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 20, 2007 OFFICE ACTION**

To: **Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

From: Dominic S. Lindauer (Tel. 509-324-9256 x229; Fax 509-323-8979)  
**Customer No. 22801**  
Lee & Hayes PLLC  
421 W. Riverside Ave., Suite 500  
Spokane, WA 99201

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated September 20, 2007.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this document.

**A Statement of Substance of Interview** begins on page 23 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 24 of this document.